

Brigadier General Mick Bednarek
Deputy Commanding General, Operations
25th Infantry Division & Multi-National Division-North (MND-N)

BG J. "Mick" Bednarek is the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of MultiNational Division-North (MND-N). He has been specially assigned by the Commanding General of MND-N, MG Benjamin Mixon, to Command and Control the Lightning Hammer and Arrowhead Ripper Operations that Task Force Lightning is conducting in Baqubah, Diyala. He is operating out of FOB Warhorse, which is 4 km from Baqubah.

Brigadier General Mick Bednarek was commissioned in 1975 as a distinguished military graduate from Old Dominion University. His initial assignment was to 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a rifle and reconnaissance platoon leader. He was then assigned to 2d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, serving as a rifle platoon leader and company XO. In 1979, Brigadier General Bednarek commanded Company C, 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry, Fort Lewis.

Upon completion of the Infantry Advanced Course in 1981, Brigadier General Bednarek was assigned as the Infantry Branch Representative for the Army Military Personnel Center to Fort Benning, Georgia. He served as the Branch Representative until 1983 when he was reassigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. Brigadier General Bednarek served as Battalion S1, Company Cdr, and Bn S3, 1st Ranger Battalion through 1987.

Throughout his career Brigadier General Bednarek served in a variety of key leadership and staff positions prior to joining the 25th Infantry Division.

In March of 2005, he was assigned to be the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of the 25th Infantry Division. From August of 2006 to the present, the General has been serving as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations for Multi-national Division-North in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Underwater Operations (SCUBA) Course, Military Free Fall Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. Brigadier General Bednarek holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a Masters Degree in Personnel Management.

Brigadier General Bednarek's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit w/1OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 5OLC, Army Commendation Medal with 2OLC, the Valorous Unit Award, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He has also earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutists Badge, the Pathfinder Badge and the Ranger Tab.

